

**Introduced by Senator Soto**

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Senate Resolution No. 11—Relative to the 60th anniversary of the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

1 WHEREAS, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was born in Hyde  
2 Park, New York, on January 30, 1882; and  
3 WHEREAS, In 1921, at the age of 39, Mr. Roosevelt suffered  
4 a debilitating and crippling bout with poliomyelitis; and  
5 WHEREAS, Through determination, courage, and strength of  
6 will, he regained the use of his legs; and  
7 WHEREAS, In 1928, he was elected to the first of consecutive  
8 two-year terms as Governor of New York; and  
9 WHEREAS, With the world mired in the Great Depression, in  
10 1932, Mr. Roosevelt was elected to the first of four terms as  
11 President of the United States; and  
12 WHEREAS, In his first 100 days in office, President  
13 Roosevelt proposed, and the Congress enacted, a comprehensive  
14 program to offer recovery to business and agriculture, and relief  
15 to those who had lost their jobs and those in danger of losing  
16 their farms and their homes; and  
17 WHEREAS, President Roosevelt expanded the safety net for  
18 the nation's unemployed, and pushed for the creation of the  
19 Social Security program, to keep the elderly and the disabled out  
20 of poverty; and  
21 WHEREAS, Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on  
22 December 7, 1941, President Roosevelt ensured that America's  
23 resources and people power were devoted to the global war  
24 against Nazism and Fascism; and

1 WHEREAS, President Roosevelt led our nation during two of  
2 its greatest crises, and in so doing, forever changed America's  
3 role as the ultimate world economic and military power; and

4 WHEREAS, With his death by cerebral hemorrhage on April  
5 12, 1945, he did not live to see the final victories over the Axis  
6 powers and the Great Depression; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That on the  
8 60th anniversary of his death, the Senate recognizes the  
9 monumental contributions of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, one of  
10 the greatest presidents in our nation's history; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
12 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.